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FORMAL ENROBEMENT CEREMONY FOR JUDGE ETHEL R. HERNANDEZ

Presiding Judge Kevin G. DeNoce announces the formal enrobement ceremony for Judge Ethel R. Hernandez to take place on Friday, July 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in Courtroom 22 of the Hall of Justice in Ventura. The ceremony will be open to the public, elected officials, the local bar association, and representatives of Court-related County departments. The press is invited to attend and to take photographs during this special ceremonial proceeding.

Presiding Judge Kevin G. DeNoce and Assistant Presiding Judge Matthew P. Guasco will lead the ceremony. The oath of office will be administered by Presiding Judge Kevin G. DeNoce. Judge Hernandez's husband, Geoffery Tate, will assist with the enrobing. Scheduled speakers include Angelica Cisneros, Field Representative for Senator Monique Limón; Bert Partida, President-elect, Ventura County Bar Association (VCBA); Ventura County Senior Deputy District Attorney Amber Lee; and Attorney Tonya Cox.

Judge Hernandez was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom on May 3, 2024. She filled the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Bruce A. Young in December 2023.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Hernandez was a Senior Deputy District Attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. Beginning in February 2012, Judge Hernandez worked in a number of units within the District Attorney's Office, including misdemeanor, domestic violence, felony, and auto theft. Her most recent assignment was prosecuting narcotics sales cases, which involved close collaboration with law enforcement agencies in complex investigations. Prior to joining the Ventura DA's Office, Judge Hernandez served as a Deputy District Attorney Pro Tem for the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office where she prosecuted misdemeanors. In the summer and fall of 2010, Judge Hernandez clerked at both the Santa Barbara and Ventura County District Attorneys' Offices.

Judge Hernandez earned her Juris Doctor degree at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University where she worked as an intern for the Harris County District Attorney's Office. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from UCLA. Prior to attending law school, Judge Hernandez was a legal processing assistant at the Ventura County District Attorney's Office.

Judge Hernandez is assigned to the Criminal Law Division, and she presides in Department 47 at the Hall of Justice in Ventura.

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